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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ECON, EFIN, ETRD, PK  
SUBJECT: UPDATE OF PFY 1978 BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FOR PAKISTAN

REF: A) ISLAMABAD 2838 B) ISLAMABAD 11328 NOV 77

1. THE FOLLOWING TABLE UPDATES OUR NOVEMBER BALANCE OF  
PAYMENTS PROJECTION FOR PAKISTAN IN PAKISTN FISCAL YEAR  
(PFY) 1978 (REF B). AS MENTIONED IN REF A, THE AMAJOR  
CHANGE IS THE MUCH LARGER EMIGRANT REMITTANCES.

FORCAST AS OF: DEC 1977 MARCH 1978

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT

IMPORTS	MINUS 2700	MINUS 2770
WHEAT	70	120
EDIBLE OIL	110	140
FERTILIZER	140	130
POL	485	485
PESTICIDES	35	35
CAPITAL GOODS	1310	1310
OTHER	550	550

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EXPORTS PLUS 1385 PLUS 1345

RICE	230	250
COTON	480	375
OTHER	705	720

TRADE BALANCE MINUS 1315 MINUS 1425

INVISIBLES	PLUS 200	PLUS 301
FREIGHT AND INSURANCE	MINUS 250	MINUS 260
OTHER INVISIBLES	PLUS 125	PLUS 25
REMITTANCES	PLUS 750	PLUS 1000
DEBT SERVICE	MINUS 425	MINUS 464#
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE (INCLUDING UNREQUITED TRANSFERS)	MINUS 1115	MINUS 1124
AID INFLOWS	PLUS 845	PLUS 1000
PROJECT	445	505
NON PROJECT	210	305
FOOD	190	190
UNCOVERED GAP	MINUS 270	MINUS 124#

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(#) INCLUDES \$118 MILLION PAYMENT TO IRAN. IF PAYMENT  
CONTINUES TO BE DEFERRED, GAP IS REDUCED BY \$118 MILLION.

### 3. CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS FORECAST ARE:

#### A. IMPORTS:

--1 MILLION MT OF WHEAT AT \$117 PER TON  
--275,000 MT OF VEGETABLE OIL AT \$525 PER TON  
--374,000 NT OF FERTILIZER AT \$348 PER TON

#### B. EXPORTS:

--RICE-103 (6 MO. FIGURE) DIVIDED BY .4  
(SINCE HISTORICALLY 40 PERCENT EXPORTED  
IN FIRST HALF YEAR.)  
--COTTON-132 (6 MO. FIGURE) DIVIDED BY .4  
(SINCE HISTORICALLY 40 PERCENT EXPORTED  
IN FIRST HALF YEAR). THEN RAISED TO \$375  
BECAUSE OF LATE COTTON CYCLE ARISING FROM  
DENATIONALIZATION OF COTTON GINS.  
--"OTHER" RAISED BECAUSE OF PRESS REPORTS  
INDICATING IMPROVEMENT IN READY-MADE  
GARMENTS AND LEATHER EXPORTS.

C. REMITTANCES:

--RAISED BECAUSE OF INCREASING MONTHLY REMITTANCE  
INFLOWS CURRENTLY RUNNING AROUND \$80-100 MILLION.

D. AID INFLOWS:

--RAISED BECAUSE OF RECENT FIGURES INDICATING  
AT LEAST \$940 MILLION ON A YEARLY BASIS AND  
DISCUSSION WITH GOP WHICH INDICATE THEY  
EXPECT ALMOST \$1.1 BILLION.

E. INVISIBLES:

--CUT \$100 MILLION BECAUSE WE INCLUDED  
GOVERNMENT UNREQUITED TRANSFERS WHICH ARE  
GRANTS AND SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN OUR  
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AID FIGURES.

--RAISED SHIPPING COSTS 10 MILLION TO ACCOUNT  
FOR HIGHER IMPORTS.

--RAISE DEBT SERVICE TO CONFORM WITH GOP  
ESTIMATES.

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